

Albuquerque N.M. Nov. 5, 1923.

Mr. Chas. F. Lummis.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Lummis:-

Very glad indeed to read your good letter and to subscribe for the book.

I am wondering if you have the beautiful hymn "Cantemos 'lalba, hay viene el dia" that was sung in bed by our grandfathers eighty years ago. I believe Helen Hunt mentions it in Ramona. Oh, the stories that could be built around that song.

What a pity you left us Mr. Lummis, years ago; you of all men who understood our point of view and local environment and state of mind might have warded off those contemptible articles that from time to time appear in our magazines to our hurt. Worlds Work and recent articles in Sunset Magazine and a few years ago in the North American Review. These articles were as contemptible as their authors are contemptible and malicious. Please see Worlds Work last number where some "dago" or foreigner has given vent to scurrilous observations of the "native" of New Mexico. My own name is not mentioned tho' Mr. Chaves will read the line that applies to me and to Larrazolo.

Wishing you the compliments of the season and anticipating further lines from you, beg to be.

Yours truly.

Pedro Baca